

[13th November 1922]

A.—(1) 1918.

(2) 38.

(3) The applications from unsuccessful candidates were returned to the respective candidates after each selection. The Government have therefore no information regarding the number of applicants from the Ceded Districts.

(4) (1) Soma Joseph Reddi.

(2) Shaik Muhammad Ismail.

Reconstruction of Malabar.

456 Q.—Rao Bahadur C. VENKATA RANGA REDDI: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(1) the amount of contribution given by Government for the reconstruction of Malabar till now ;

(2) whether any advances from that fund were made to any planting company or companies and if so, the name or names of such companies with the amounts advanced to them ; and

(3) the necessity for such advances to private companies ?

A.—(1) The Government have made no free grant for reconstruction work in Malabar. They have, however, set apart a sum of 10 lakhs for distribution in the shape of loans under the Agriculturists' Loans Act, 1884, for the purpose of relieving distress and encouraging reconstruction.

(2) Loans have been granted to the following planting companies:—

	Rs.
Kerala-Calicut Rubber Estates, Limited ..	2,71,512
Edawanna Rubber and Tea Company ..	65,000
Pullengode Rubber Company ..	30,000
Kuttiadi Rubber Company ..	40,000

(3) The loans were given to the companies, as to private persons, for the purpose of enabling them to restore damage caused by the rebellion and to carry on their avocations till the next harvest.

Provincial officers in the Imperial forest service.

457 Q.—Rao Bahadur C. VENKATA RANGA REDDI: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(1) the number of posts reserved in the Imperial service of the Forest Department for Provincial Forest Officers ;

(2) the number of provincial officers now actually in the Imperial service ;

(3) whether there are any vacancies now and, if so, the number of such vacancies ; and

(4) when the Government propose to fill those vacancies ?

A.—(1) Seven.

(2) Do.

(3) & (4) There are no vacancies at present.